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Re: Application of: KRAMER et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Before paragraph [0001], please change the heading "Description" to BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION.

Before paragraph [0004], please insert the heading SUMMARY OF THE  
INVENTION.

After paragraph [0025], please insert the heading BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE  
DRAWINGS.

Please insert paragraphs 0025.1 to 0025.14 as follows:

[0025.1] Fig. 1 shows the results of a Northern blot, which was performed with mRNA from keratinocyte sheets (a) immediately after or (b) four hours after dispase-induced detachment.

[0025.2] Fig. 2 shows structural data for SEQ ID NO:2 .

[0025.3] Fig. 3 shows a Western blot from Example 3B(2).

[0025.4] Fig. 4 shows an immunoblot result from from Example 5.